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SUBJECT: RETURN OF HAITIAN REFUGEES FROM MIAMI

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES RECEIVING NAMES OF 13 HAITIAN CITIZENS WHO RETURNED FROM MIAMI TO PORT AU PRINCE THURSDAY, AUGUST 24. TO CLARIFY EMBASSY HANDLING OF FUTURE REPATRIATIONS, WE WISH TO SET OUT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN SUCH CASES.

2. ABOUT A YEAR AGO STATE AND INS REACHED AGREEMENT THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE INFORMED IN ADVANCE WHENEVER HAITIAN CITIZENS WHO HAD REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN U.S. WERE BEING REPATRIATED. EMBASSY WAS TO RECEIVE NAME, ADDRESS IN HAITI, AND ARRIVAL INFORMATION ON EACH HAITIAN WHOSE REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM HAD BEEN DENIED, SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE TO ENABLE EMBASSY OFFICER TO MEET INDIVIDUALS ON ARRIVAL. PURPOSE IS TO ENABLE EMBASSY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH RETURNEE, ADVISE HIM TO CONTACT EMBASSY IF HE SUFFERS POLITICAL PERSECUTION FOLLOWING REPATRIATION, AND ESTABLISH POSSIBILITY FOR FOLLOW-UP CONTACT BY EMBASSY. WE HAVE FOUND IN PAST THAT LACK OF PERSONAL CONTACT WITH RETURNEE UPON ARRIVAL MAKES SUBSEQUENT CONTACT DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE INFORMATION TELEGRAPHICALLY SINCE NAMES AND ADDRESSES MAY BE GARBLED BY PHONE. IF TIME DOES NOT PERMIT THIS, HOWEVER, INS MIAMI MAY WISH TO TELEPHONE EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER.

4. WE WISH TO POINT OUT THAT THIS PROCEDURE APPLIES

ONLY TO HAITIANS WHO ARE BEING REPATRIATED BECAUSE
THEIR APPLICATION FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM HAS BEEN
REJECTED. EMBASSY DOES NOT REQUIRE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION
ON OTHER RETURNEES.
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